

## The State of New Hampshire

## Department of Environmental Services



Michael P. Nolin Commissioner

LETTER OF DEFICIENCY WET 06-059

June 15, 2006

Clermont Drouin PO Box 277 Gorham, NH 03581

RE: DES Wetlands File #2006-01398 Dublin Street, Gorham

Dear Mr. Drouin:

On May 23 2006, personnel from the Department of Environmental Services ("DES") conducted an inspection of the above-referenced property, more specifically referenced on Town of Gorham Tax Map U-6 as Lot 35 (the "Property"). The purpose of the inspection was to determine compliance with RSA 482-A and NH Code of Admin. Rules Wt 100-800.

During the inspection the following deficiencies were documented:

- 1. Approximately 60 linear feet of stream and stream bank had been disturbed as a result of gravel operations on the site;
- 2. Approximately 7,500 square feet fill from stockpiles of sand and gravel had encroached into a scrubshrub wetland located on the west property boundary.

In response, you are requested to take the following actions:

- 1. By <u>August 15, 2006</u>, submit a restoration plan to DES for review and approval. Have the restoration plan prepared by a certified wetland scientist, and include provisions for restoring the stream bank and removal of the fill on the Property. Submit the following with the restoration plan:
  - a. A plan with dimensions, drawn to scale, showing:
    - 1. Existing conditions, with wetland boundaries; and
    - 2. Proposed conditions after reestablishing the jurisdictional areas;
  - b. A detailed description of the proposed means of erosion control (silt fence, hay bales, etc.) and stabilization of the restoration area;
  - c. A detailed description of the proposed planting plan for the stabilization and revegetation of the restoration area and control of invasive species such as purple loosestrife (*Lythrum salicaria*) and common reed (*Phragmites australis*); and
  - d. A description of the proposed construction sequence and methods for accomplishing restoration and anticipated restoration compliance date.
- 2. Retain a qualified wetland scientist to supervise the implementation of the restoration plan and to

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submit the restoration progress reports.

3. Implement the restoration plan only after receiving written approval and as conditioned by DES.

RSA 482-A, the New Hampshire Wetlands law, was enacted to protect and preserve wetlands and surface waters from unregulated despoliation. Prior to dredging, filling, or construction in and adjacent to wetlands or surface waters, an individual is required to obtain a permit. If work is done without a permit, this is considered a violation of RSA 482-A. Failure to respond to this Letter of Deficiency in a timely and complete manner may be construed as noncompliance by the receiving party.

DES personnel may conduct another inspection at a later date to determine whether you have come into and are maintaining full compliance with the applicable statute and rules.

Issuance of this letter shall not preclude further enforcement by DES. Failure to comply with RSA 482-A will result in enforcement by DES, including but not limited to the issuance of fines, administrative orders, or referral to the New Hampshire Office of the Attorney General for imposition of civil penalties. If an order is issued to you, it may also be recorded with the Registry of Deeds as an encumbrance against your property.

All documents submitted in response to this Letter of Deficiency should be addressed as follows:

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Should you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact Linda Magoon at (603) 271-4056 or by e-mail at lmagoon@des.state.nh.us.

Sincerely,

Collis G. Adams, C. Administrator

Wetlands Bureau

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